Wireless Telephone for Remote areas in the Country

1594. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Telecommunications has examined the feasibility of introduction of wireless telephone from commercial/technological point of view to meet the requirements of far flung remote areas in the country;

(b) if so, what is Government's response to this study; and

(c) if not, by when will it be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have taken a decision to introduce wireless based Multi Access Rural Radio Systems for providing telephone facility to far flung and remote areas in the country. In some cases satellite based systems are also being planned.

(c) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

गुजरात में अनिवासी भारतीयों के सहयोग से तेल/गैस टर्मिनल की स्थापना

1595. **श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकर गुजरात में अनिवासी भारतीयों के सहयोग से तेल/गैस टर्मिनल स्थापित करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) सरकार को इस संबंध में अनिवासी भारतीयों से अब तक कितने प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुए हैं;

(घ) सरकार द्वारा उक्त प्रस्ताव को लागू करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं; और

(ङ) प्रस्तावित परियोजना को राज्य के किस जिले में स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

दिल्ली में टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों के लिए प्रतीक्षा सूची

1596. **श्री गोविन्दराम मिरी:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 1.8.1995 की स्थिति के अनुसार गोल मार्किट क्षेत्र में आने वाले "क्षेत्र" के एक्सचेंज में सामान्य श्रेणी के उपभोक्ता आवेदकों की प्रतीक्षा सूची का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ख) जनवरी-मार्च और अप्रैल-जून, 95 की तिमाहियों में दिये गये टेलीफोन कनेक्शनों का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या दिल्ली के सभी क्षेत्रों में सामान्य श्रेणी के सभी प्रतीक्षारत आवेदकों को वर्ष 1995 के अंत तक टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दे दिये जायेंगे; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और उन्हें कब तक टेलीफोन कनेक्शन दे दिये जायेंगे?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम): (क) गोल मार्केट क्षेत्र, जनपथ एक्सचेंज के अंतर्गत स्थित है। 1 अगस्त, 1995 की स्थिति के अनुसार सामान्य श्रेणी के अधीन प्रतीक्षा सूची में दर्ज आवेदकों की कुल संख्या 365 है।

(ख) महानगर टेलीफोन निगम लिमिटेड, दिल्ली द्वारा प्रदान किये गये टेलीफोन कनेक्शन का ब्यौरा इस प्रकार है:-

तिमाही	प्रदान किये गये कनेक्शन की संख्या
जनवरी-मार्च, 1995	86345
अप्रैल-जून, 1995	16977

(ग) एवं (घ) जी नहीं। तथापि, दिल्ली की बकाया प्रतीक्षा सूची को कम करने के प्रयास किये जा रहे हैं तथा इस उद्देश्य की प्राप्ति के लिए, वर्ष 1995-96 के दौरान दिल्ली में 272700 नये टेलीफोन कनेक्शन लगाने का लक्ष्य रखा गया है। इसके अलावा राष्ट्रीय दूरसंचार नीति, 1994 के अनुसार 1997 तक दिल्ली सहित पूरे देश में मांग किये जाने पर टेलीफोन प्रदान किया जाएगा।

Speed Post Service in Maharashtra

1597. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of district headquarters in Maharashtra where speed post service is not yet available with reasons therefor; and

(b) the time by which all district headquarters are proposed to be covered under this network?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Speed Post Service under the national network is available in the following four districts of Maharashtra; 1. Bombay 2. Pune 3. Nagpur and 4. Nasik. Point to point Speed Post Service from Bombay is available for 17 district headquarters. Speed Post is not available in the remaining 9 (nine) districts given below:

1. Bhandara 2. Buldana 3. Chandrapur 4. Gadchiroli 5. Bhir (Beed) 6. Jalna 7. Parbhani 8. Ratnagiri 9. Sindudurg.

In the above noted districts, there is no appreciable demand for the Service. Introduction of Speed Post service is an ongoing process depending on demand, potential viability and operational feasibility.

Pending Applications of Freedom Fighters

1598. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:
SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise number of applications for freedom fighters pension pending as on 31st March, 1995;

(b) since when, these are pending; and

(c) by when these cases are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) All applications received upto 31-3-1995 have been examined and decisions already communicated to the applicants at least once. However, aggrieved with the decisions applicants keep on sending review petitions/representations. Examination and disposal of such review petitions/ representations is a continuous process and no definite time schedule can be prescribed for their disposal.

Amnesty International report on violation of Human Rights in India

1599. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recently released Annual Report of Amnesty International, charging Government and Indian security forces of large scale violation of Human Rights, in detention of thousands of persons without trial for long spells and perpetrating atrocities on under-trials and others in custody;

(b) if so, what are the precise facts and figures, including comparative figures for preceding years in respect of such violations of Human Rights, as brought out in this report; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) to (c) In its Annual Report, Amnesty International has once again made sweeping and generalised allegations of the Human Rights situation in India. It has alleged that thousands of political prisoners were held without charge or trial, that torture and ill-treatment of detainees was routine, resulting in hundreds of deaths in police and military custody. It also alleges that scores of political detainees disappeared and that hundreds of people were reported to have been extra judiciously executed by the security forces. No figures of cases of alleged Human Rights violation of different kinds are given in such reports. It has been our complaint against the Amnesty International that their generalised allegations are based on inadequate facts and questionable sources.

New Postal Divisions in Gujarat

1600. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: